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MINOR ARCANA TAROT CARDS



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The 56 Minor Arcana cards reflect the trials and tribulations that we experience on a daily basis. Even though the Minor Arcana cards are called 'minor', it doesn't mean that these Tarot cards won't have a significant impact in your life. These Tarot cards relate to what's happening in your daily life, and can offer insight into how your present situation is affecting you and what steps you need to take to manifest your goals.

The Minor Arcana cards typically have a temporary influence – that is, they represent an energy that is moving through your life right now and that can be easily changed, depending on the actions you take.

There are four different Tarot Suits within the Minor Arcana:

Suits of Cups

Suits of Pentacles

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Suit Of Cups

The Suit of Cups Tarot cards deal with the emotional level of consciousness and are associated with love, feelings, relationships and connections. Thinking with your heart rather than your brain. It represents the astrological signs of Water – Pisces, Cancer, and Scorpio.



Ace of cups

UPRIGHT: Love, new relationships, compassion, creativity.

REVERSED: Self-love, intuition, repressed emotions.

With the Ace of Cups, Divine love and compassion are pouring through you. You are a vessel for deep, spiritual love from the Universe, and you can't help but let that love flow through you and into the world. You receive love, you give love, you ARE love. Your heart overflows. Now is the perfect time for you to open your heart and experience the rich flow of emotion available to you right now. You are more receptive to creative opportunities, loving connections, and deep compassion for other living beings.



UPRIGHT: Unified love, partnership, mutual attraction

REVERSED: Self-love, break-ups, disharmony, distrust.

Two of cups

If the Ace of Cups represents the flow of love from within, the Two of Cups is the flow of love between two people. With this card, you are creating deep connections and partnerships, based on shared values, compassion, and unconditional love. While these relationships are still in the early stages, they have the potential to grow and develop into something deeply fulfilling and rewarding in the long-term. You have mutual respect and appreciation for one another, and together you reach higher planes of consciousness and understanding.

Three of Cups

UPRIGHT: Celebration, friendship, creativity, collaborations.

REVERSED: Independence, alone time, hardcore partying, 'three's a crowd'.

In the Three of Cups, three young women are dancing with each other in a circle, raising their cups high in the air in a toast of joy and celebration. They look to one another with appreciation, honour and respect, and are bound by their emotional connection and friendship. There is a sense of lifting each other up and celebrating each woman's unique contribution to the group. The ground is layered with flowers, fruit and a pumpkin, symbolising the celebration of an abundant harvest and the goodness in life.



Four of cups



UPRIGHT: Meditation, contemplation, apathy, reevaluation.

REVERSED: Retreat, withdrawal, checking in for alignment.

The Four of Cups shows a young man sitting under a tree with his arms crossed, deep in contemplation and meditation. He is so engrossed in his thoughts that he does not seem to notice the outstretched arm offering him a cup. A further three cups stand at his feet, but again, he doesn't seem to notice or care about these new opportunities either. You are creating the space within yourself so that you are ready to accept new opportunities later and give them the best possibility of success. Use this time for inward reflection, grounding, and contemplation before accepting the next 'big thing'.

Five of Cups

UPRIGHT: Regret, failure, disappointment, pessimism.

REVERSED: Personal setbacks, self-forgiveness, moving on.

The Five of Cups shows a man in a long black cloak looking down on three cups that have been knocked over – symbolic of his disappointments and failures. Behind him stand two cups representing new opportunities and potential, but because he is so fixed on his losses (the over-turned cups), he misses the opportunities available to him. In the background, a bridge crosses a large, flowing river and leads to the security of the castle or home on the opposite side of the riverbank – if only he can move on from the over-turned cups. The bridge is a message to 'build a bridge and get over it!'



Six of Cups



UPRIGHT: Revisiting the past, childhood memories, innocence, joy.

REVERSED: Living in the past, forgiveness, lacking playfulness.

In the Six of Cups, a young boy leans down and passes a cup filled with flowers to a younger girl. The girl looks up to the boy with love and respect as he offers the flowers to her. The young children also represent childhood memories. The Six of Cups is a card that takes you back to the happy memories from your past. You are ready to give and receive, without expectation and willing to give each other the benefit of the doubt, having moved on from the challenging emotions of the Five of Cups. It's time to turn over a new leaf and start afresh from a more positive place.

Seven of Cups

UPRIGHT: Opportunities, choices, wishful thinking, illusion.

REVERSED: Alignment, personal values, overwhelmed by choices.

In the Seven of Cups, a man stands before seven cups filled with various gifts. Some cups bear desirable gifts such as jewels and a wreath of victory. But others hold gifts that are not gifts at all; instead, they are curses, such as the snake or dragon. The clouds and the cups symbolise the man's wishes and dreams, and the different gifts inside suggest that you need to be careful what you wish for as not everything is as it seems. Choices need to be made, but in doing so, you must go beyond illusion and allure, and instead focus on what's right for you.



Eight of Cups

UPRIGHT: Disappointment, abandonment, withdrawal, escapism.

REVERSED: Trying one more time, indecision, aimless drifting, walking away.

A sign that emotional fulfilment and wholeness is lacking. The man has turned his back on these cups with a sense of loss and disappointment and shuffles away into the mountains. A nearby river symbolises his emotions, and the mountains represent the awareness that this will not be an easy journey (though it will be necessary for true long-term happiness). The moon in the night's sky illuminates the path ahead – the man is leaving in the dead of night hoping to go unnoticed, suggesting that there may be a level of escape or avoidance in this card.

Nine of Cups

UPRIGHT: Contentment, satisfaction, gratitude, wish come true.

REVERSED: Inner happiness, materialism, dissatisfaction, indulgence.

In the Nine of Cups, a man sits on a wooden bench. He is comfortable, but not too comfortable (you wouldn't want to sit on that wooden bench all day!). His arms are crossed, and he has a smile on his face, expressing contentment and satisfaction. Behind him is a curved structure draped in blue material, with nine golden cups arranged in an arch. The cups represent emotional fulfillment after you carry out your deepest desires.



Ten of Cups



UPRIGHT: Divine love, blissful relationships, harmony, alignment.

REVERSED: Disconnection, misaligned values, struggling relationships.

On the Ten of Cups, a loving couple stands together, arms outstretched, as their two children play nearby. They look towards their home on the hill and a beautiful rainbow in the sky filled with ten cups. These two have true, everlasting love and have everything they could ever wish for – the home, the kids, and most importantly, fulfilling love – and they share this bond with the people around them.

The family home symbolizes stability and comfort, while the grassy hills signify fertility and the rainbow signals the end of difficult times and is a sign from the Divine that everything will be okay. The rainbow signals the end of. The idyllic scene is one of true emotional fulfillment and Divine love.

Page of Cups

UPRIGHT: Creative opportunities, intuitive messages, curiosity, possibility.

REVERSED: need new ideas, doubting intuition, creative blocks, emotional immaturity.

The Page of Cups wears a blue tunic with a floral print and a beret on his head with a long, flowing scarf. He stands on the shore, with the wavy sea behind him, holding a cup in his right hand. Surprisingly, a fish pops its head out of the cup and looks at the young man. The fish and the sea behind him represent the element of water and all things to do with creativity, intuition, feelings and emotions. The unexpected appearance of the fish signifies that creative inspiration often comes out of the blue and only when you are open to it. In a practical sense, the Page of Cups can indicate that you will receive an unexpected and pleasant surprise. The Pages are often known as the messenger cards, and with the Page of Cups, you may receive a message related to the emotions, intuition, or creative endeavours. It might be the birth of a baby, an engagement or marriage, a new love interest, or the offer of a new project. It is not a surprise you can anticipate or force; be ready to receive when the moment comes.



Knight of Cups

UPRIGHT: Creativity, romance, charm, imagination, beauty.

REVERSED: Overactive imagination, unrealistic, jealous, moody.

Knight Of Cups Description

In the Knight of Cups, a knight rides on a white horse and holds out a golden cup as if he bears a message from the heart. Over his armour, the knight wears a cloak covered with images of fish, the symbol of water, consciousness and creativity. His helmet and boots are winged, a symbol of an active and creative imagination and an appreciation for beautiful things. Unlike the Knight of Wands or the Knight of Swords, the horse in the Knight of Cups is not charging forward but instead moves slowly and gracefully, giving an air of calmness and peace. The horse represents power, energy and drive and the colour white is a symbol of purity, spirituality and light.

The background is mostly barren, except for some trees far away and the river that flows through, symbolising the power of the emotions and imagination to create a new life force, even where it may seem that there is none.



Queen of Cups

UPRIGHT: Compassionate, caring, emotionally stable, intuitive, in flow.

REVERSED: Inner feelings, self-care, self-love, co-dependency.

Queen Of Cups Description

The Queen of Cups is a beautiful, introspective woman who sits on a throne at the edge of the sea. In her hands, she holds a golden, cup adorned with handles shaped like angels. Unlike most of the cups in the Suit of Cups cards, this cup is closed – showing that the Queen's thoughts and feelings come from her subconscious mind and the depths of her soul.

She sits upon a stone throne decorated with images of sea-nymphs, fish, and scallop shells. The sea and fish are symbols of the unconscious mind, and water represents emotion, spirit and perception. A cloudless, bright-blue sky and placid water of the sea surround her. Her feet do not touch the water; they rest on colourful pebbles on the shore. It is as if she is connected to her emotions (as represented by the water), but not overwhelmed by them



King of Cups

UPRIGHT: Emotionally balanced, compassionate, diplomatic.

REVERSED: Self-compassion, inner feelings, moodiness, emotionally manipulative.

The King of Cups sits on a large stone throne and wears a blue tunic and a gold cape – a symbol of his authority and status. A small fish amulet hangs around his neck symbolising his creativity. In his right hand, he holds a cup representing the emotions, and his left has a sceptre, showing power and control. Unlike the other Cups court cards, he doesn't look at his cup and seems to be focused elsewhere; perhaps he has already mastered his emotional self and doesn't need to concentrate as hard on this facet of himself. The King of Cups appears to be floating on a granite block in the middle of a turbulent sea. Behind him on his right, a fish jumps out of the ocean, while on the left, a ship sails steadily despite the waves. These images show that this King stays calm and balanced, even in turbulent conditions, and has learned how to stay open to his emotions and unconscious impulses, without being overwhelmed by them. He keeps power and control while balancing his feelings.



Suits of Pentacles ★

The Suit of Pentacles Tarot card meanings cover material aspects of life including work, business, trade, property, money and other material possessions. The positive aspects of the Suit of Pentacles include manifestation, realization, proof and prosperity. The negative aspects of the Suit of Pentacles include being possessive, greedy and overly materialistic, over-indulging and not exercising, not effectively managing one's finances, and being overly focused on career to the detriment of other life priorities. Often what is required to counteract these negative aspects is a return to nature to ground oneself and rediscover what is truly important. Pentacles Tarot cards often represent the astrological signs of Earth – Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn.



Ace of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: A new financial or career opportunity, manifestation, abundance.

REVERSED: Lost opportunity, lack of planning and foresight.

The Ace of Pentacles depicts a hand emerging from the clouds, much like the Aces of the other suits. A large coin sits in the cupped palm, freely available to whoever has the wherewithal to take it. It is as if a new opportunity, associated with wealth, business, and manifestation, has appeared out of nowhere and is now being extended to you in all its glory. The impetus is now on you to accept this offer and turn it into something meaningful and sustainable.



Two of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Multiple priorities, time management, prioritization, adaptability.

REVERSED: Over-committed, disorganization, reprioritization.

In the Two of Pentacles, a young man dances while juggling two coins in his hands. The infinity symbol links the coins, suggesting that this man can handle unlimited problems so long as he manages his time, energy and resources well. In the background, two ships sail the high seas, bobbing up and down on the huge waves – another sign that the ups and downs of life are manageable with focus and attention.



Three of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Teamwork, collaboration, learning, implementation.

REVERSED: Disharmony, misalignment, working alone.

The Three of Pentacles shows a young stonemason working with his tools on a portion of a cathedral. In front of him two architects hold the plans for the design. The soaring ceilings and intricate engravings signify that both parties are skilled in their respective crafts. The stone mason appears to be discussing his progress so far with the architects, and even though he is less experienced, they value his opinion and specialist knowledge. Their body language **insinuates** that this young man is an essential contributor to the cathedral's **completion** and the architects want to make sure that everyone is on the same page.



Four Of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Saving money, security, conservatism, scarcity, control. **REVERSED:** Over-spending, greed, self-protection.

The Four of Pentacles shows a man sitting on a stool, beyond the boundaries of his hometown. His arms are wrapped tightly around a coin as if he fears he may lose it if he loosens his grip. He balances another pentacle on his head, impeding his connection with spirit, and two more sit securely underneath his feet. He has no one to speak to, not even the friends and family members in the community behind him. The man finds himself stuck in one place with a singular fixation: wealth.

Five of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Financial loss, poverty, lack mindset, isolation, worry.

REVERSED: Recovery from financial loss, spiritual poverty.

In the Five of Pentacles, two people walk through the icy wind and snow; both are destitute and living in poverty. One man is injured and on crutches, while the other is barefoot and has only a thin blanket to protect him from the bleak winter weather. Behind them sits a church with its lit up and exuding warmth, a symbol of hope, faith and spiritual support. However, because the two people are so focused on their plight, they fail to see that help is available to them and continue on in their desperate journey.



Six Of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Giving, receiving, sharing wealth, generosity, charity.

REVERSED: Self-care, unpaid debts, one-sided charity.

The Six of Pentacles shows a wealthy man dressed in a red robe, handing out coins to two beggars who kneel at his feet. In his left hand, he holds a balanced scale, representing fairness and equality. This card reflects a state of financial security and generosity, suggesting that you can generously use your wealth and abundance for the benefit of others. But it also speaks to receiving generosity and the feeling of relief that accompanies much-needed assistance. The Six of Pentacles is a card of giving and receiving. It's an ongoing cycle of life, that serves as a reminder that the balance can change at any time. Even if you are surrounded by wealth, there will be times when you need the help and support of others, so be generous with your resources, as you may need the support in the future.



Seven of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Long-term view, sustainable results, perseverance, investment.

REVERSED: Lack of long-term vision, limited success or reward.

In the Seven of Pentacles, a man leans on his hoe, gazing down at his abundant crop. He has worked long and hard to nurture tiny seeds into this thriving garden and can now take a break to enjoy the fruits of his labour. Note the expression in his face, however: he also looks fatigued – even a little ‘over it’ – from having worked so hard for this successful harvest. Success comes from hard work and patience, but this card reminds you to take care not to overdo it and exhaust yourself.



Eight Of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Apprenticeship, repetitive tasks, mastery, skill development.

REVERSED: Self-development, perfectionism, misdirected activity.

Eight Of Pentacles

The Eight of Pentacles shows a young man laboring over eight coins, carefully etching out a pentacle shape into each coin. In the background, there is a small town, however he has separated himself from the distractions of home life so that he can fully dedicate himself to the task at hand. He is concentrating very hard, eager to do a good job and avoid any mistakes. As he creates each coin, his skills improve and he becomes a master at his craft.

Nine of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Abundance, luxury, self-sufficiency, financial independence.

REVERSED: Self-worth, over-investment in work, hustling.

The Nine of Pentacles shows a well-dressed woman standing in a beautiful garden. She wears a flowing, golden robe and a red beret, signs of her wealth and social status. The vines behind her are heavy with grape and golden coins, representing the fruitful accomplishment of all her desires. Her right hand rests upon one of the many coins, and her fingers wrap around the purple grapes on the vine, symbolizing her healthy relationship with money. A hooded falcon sits calmly on her left hand, signifying the woman's intellectual and spiritual self-control. Being independent woman, she is alone from inside, so called deeply wounded from her past.



Ten Of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Wealth, financial security, long-term success, contribution.

REVERSED: The dark side of wealth, financial failure or loss. The Ten of Pentacles shows an old, white-haired man wearing an ornately embroidered robe, sitting with his two loyal white dogs at his feet. A younger couple stands nearby with a small child. The man is a wealthy patriarch who has achieved a great deal during his life and is immensely gratified that he can now share his wealth and abundance with his loved ones. His successes and accomplishments are now providing financial security and certainty to his family. He can already see the legacy he has created. The man and his family gather in the courtyard of a large castle, marking their prosperity, comfort and financial security. On the archway are family emblems and flags, a symbol of their history and ancestry.



Page of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Manifestation, financial opportunity, skill development.

REVERSED: Lack of progress, procrastination, learn from failure.

The Page of Pentacles depicts a young man standing in a grassy field of blooming flowers. In the distance behind him is a small patch of trees and a newly ploughed field, promising an abundant harvest. The mountain range in the horizon signifies the upcoming challenges and obstacles the Page must surmount along his journey. The Page holds a gold coin in his hand and examines it carefully, as if to discover how to manifest even more gold and abundance.



Knight Of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Hard work, productivity, routine, conservatism.

REVERSED: Self-discipline, boredom, feeling 'stuck', perfectionism.

The Knight of Pentacles sits on a stationary draught horse, carefully looking at the gold coin held in his hand. He is in no hurry, preferring to assess and plan his path ahead before taking action. In the background, there is a broad field that has been laboriously ploughed row by row, symbolising that this Knight is ready and willing to do the work to realise his dreams, even if it is repetitive and dull. The Knight of Pentacles suggests that you are taking a moderated and conservative approach to life right now, and while you may be feeling that change is imminent, you are sticking to your tried and tested ways of doing things. You have established that you need routine and careful planning

Queen of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Nurturing, practical, providing financially, a working parent.

REVERSED: Financial independence, self-care, work-home conflict.

In the Queen of Pentacles, a woman sits on a stone throne decorated with carvings of fruit trees, goats, angels and other symbols of material success and sensual pleasure. She cradles a gold coin with both hands and looks down on it with loving care, as if to nurture this symbol of wealth and material success. Luscious plants and flowers surround her, representing her connection to Mother Earth, nature, and abundance. A small rabbit jumps near to where she is seated, symbolising fertility and suggesting that her life is in flow and alignment.



King Of Pentacles

UPRIGHT: Wealth, business, leadership, security, discipline, abundance.

REVERSED: Financially inept, obsessed with wealth and status, stubborn.

The King of Pentacles sits on a throne embellished with carvings of bulls, representing his connection to the astrological sign of Taurus, and grapes and vines adorn his robe, symbolising wealth and abundance. In his right hand, he holds the sceptre of his power, and in his left, he holds a golden coin, symbolic of his material influence. ability to create material wealth and financial abundance – and better yet, he can sustain his wealth over time through self-discipline, control and leadership. This King is therefore very serious about financial security and has made the accumulation of wealth his focus in life. He is proud of his achievements and likes to show others his prized possessions and wealth.

